

February 26, 2021

County Executive Marc Elrich and  
Adriana Hochberg, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer & Climate Change Coordinator  
Montgomery County Government  
Executive Office Building  
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Elrich and Ms. Hochberg:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Montgomery County Draft Climate Action Plan (Plan). The attached comments represent the views of Takoma Park Mobilization Environment Committee (TPMEC) members with input from other technical workgroup members. We greatly appreciate the effort that went into preparing the draft Plan and the useful information and analyses it includes. As many of us participated in the County's technical workgroups, we were grateful for the opportunity to work with dedicated County staff and appreciate all the effort that has gone into presentations about the Plan since its release in December.

While the draft Plan provides useful analyses and a roadmap of actions, it is more of a strategy than an implementable action plan. In order to reach the ambitious goals of 80% greenhouse gas reduction by 2027 and 100% by 2030, the final Plan must include specific implementation steps with proposed target dates or years, estimated costs, and a commitment to seek funds and authority to reach specific milestones quickly. We have tried to bring our insights and expertise to bear in these comments and trust that we are all working towards the best Climate Action Plan possible.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and the County's elected officials to achieve our climate goals. We know it will be hard, but the climate crisis demands action and political courage. We are committed to helping to do the hard work to make it possible.

Sincerely,

Takoma Park Mobilization Environment Committee  
& Karen Metchis, Co-Chair Adaptation Technical Workgroup

Attachment